



## **FAA Orlando FSDO AIRWORTHINESS SPECIAL EMPHASIS PROGRAM COMPREHENSIVE CHECKLIST**

**Aircraft : \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. \_\_\_\_\_ S/N \_\_\_\_\_**

No secrets, No surprises: The following items must be verified and current in order to render a 'Standard Airworthiness' determination on a civil aircraft operating FAR Part 91 :

- A** \_\_\_\_\_ Airworthiness Certificate (original) - Ref. FAR 91.203
- R** \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Certificate (original) - Ref. FAR 91.203
- R** \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Operator Ship License (Int'l flights or 12,500 lbs. +) **FCC rule**
- A** \_\_\_\_\_ Aircraft Flight Manual or Pilot Operating Handbook (current revision) including current weight and balance data- Ref. FAR 91.9
- C** \_\_\_\_\_ Current status listing of all applicable Airworthiness Directives including time or date of recurring action - Ref. FAR 91.417, FAR 39
- I** \_\_\_\_\_ Inspection due date, Annual/100 hour/progressive event – Ref. FAR 91.409/417
- E** \_\_\_\_\_ ELT - battery due date - Ref. FAR 91.207 (c) (50 NM radius)
- E** \_\_\_\_\_ ELT – within last 12 months ops. inspection - Ref. FAR 91.207 (d)
- V** \_\_\_\_\_ VOR Equipment Check for IFR operation - Ref. FAR 91.171 (IFR)
- C** \_\_\_\_\_ Compass Deviation Card - Ref. FAR 23.1547
- S** \_\_\_\_\_ Static System Inspection Certification - Ref. FAR 91.411 (IFR)
- A** \_\_\_\_\_ Altimeter Inspection Certification - Ref. FAR 91.411 (IFR)
- T** \_\_\_\_\_ Transponder Inspection Certification - Ref. FAR 91.413 (ATC)
- C** \_\_\_\_\_ Current Status of Life-limited parts per T.C.D.S. – Ref. FAR 91.417
- F** \_\_\_\_\_ FAAform 337's for alterations or repairs - Ref. FAR 91.417
- I** \_\_\_\_\_ Inoperative Equipment Certifications - Ref. FAR 91.213
- E** \_\_\_\_\_ External Data Plate / Serial Number – Ref. FAR 45.11

**“Airworthy” means an aircraft and component parts meet its type design (or properly altered configuration) and is in a condition for safe operation. (References: Public Law 103-272, Section 44704, FAR 21.31, FAR 21.41, FAR 21.183, AC43.13-1B glossary, FAA Form 8100-2)**

**Fellow airmen: This general checklist is a living document and references were current at the time of this revision. It was not developed or intended to be an ‘end-all’ checklist for flight planning purposes. The purpose of this checklist list is to aid the airman and to increase industry awareness of the associated responsibilities with the term “airworthy”. The decision to accept an aircraft in its’ present condition rests with the Pilot-In-Command. Constructive criticism of this content is welcome and encouraged. At least then we know you are putting some thought into the matter.....use in good health and good faith !**

**Have a Safe Flight ! Ben Coleman, FAA Orlando FSDO**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION—FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION  
**STANDARD AIRWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE**

1. NATIONALITY AND REGISTRATION MARKS	2. MANUFACTURER AND MODEL	3. AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER	4. CATEGORY
	SAMPLE	SAMPLE	SAMPLE

5. AUTHORITY AND BASIS FOR ISSUANCE  
 This airworthiness certificate is issued pursuant to the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 and certifies that, as of the date of issuance, the aircraft to which issued has been inspected and found to conform to the type certificate therefor, to be in condition for safe operation and has been shown to meet the requirements of the applicable comprehensive and detailed airworthiness code as provided by Annex 8 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, except as noted herein.  
 Exceptions:

SAMPLE

6. TERMS AND CONDITIONS  
 Unless sooner surrendered, suspended, revoked, or a termination date is otherwise established by the Administrator, this airworthiness certificate is effective as long as the maintenance, preventative maintenance, and alterations are performed in accordance with Parts 21, 43, and 91 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, as appropriate, and the aircraft is registered in the United States.

DATE OF ISSUANCE	FAA REPRESENTATIVE	DESIGNATION NUMBER
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Any alteration, reproduction, or misuse of this certificate may be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000, or imprisonment not exceeding 3 years, or both. THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE DISPLAYED IN THE AIRCRAFT IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS.

**§ 21.41 Type certificate.**  
 Each type certificate is considered to include the (type design) the operating limitations, the certificate data sheet, the applicable regulations of this subchapter with which the Administrator records compliance, and any other conditions or limitations prescribed for the product in this subchapter.

**§ 21.31 Type design.**  
 The type design consists of—  
 (a) The drawings and specifications, and a listing of those drawings and configurations, necessary to define the product and the design features of the product shown to comply with the requirements of that part of this subchapter applicable to the product;  
 (b) Information on dimensions, materials, and processes necessary to define the structural strength of the product;  
 (c) The Airworthiness Limitations section of the Instructions for Continued Airworthiness as required by Parts 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, and 35 of this chapter or as otherwise required by the Administrator; and as specified in the applicable airworthiness criteria for special classes of aircraft defined in § 21.17(b); and  
 (d) For primary category aircraft, if desired, a special inspection and preventative maintenance program designed to be accomplished by an appropriately rated and trained pilot-owner.  
 (e) Any other data necessary to allow, by comparison, the determination of the airworthiness, noise characteristics, fuel venting, and exhaust emissions (where applicable) of later products of the same type.

THESE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN REPRODUCED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES AND ENHANCED FOR CLARITY. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN REVISED AND MAY NOT BE CURRENT. REFERENCE THE DAILY FEDERAL REGISTER.

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